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Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

This is responsive to the Office Action dated June 7, 2002, in the above-identified patent application.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace the paragraph on page 1, lines 23-25 after the title "Appendix" with the following paragraph: